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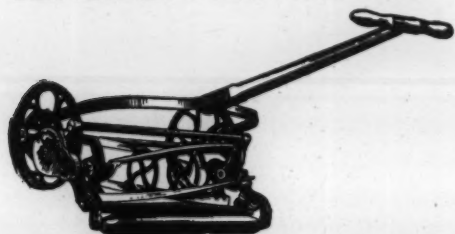
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## EDITORIAL

MARCH has been selected by the Civic Committee of the General Federation as the month for the especial consideration of civics, and March 10th has been chosen as the specific day for public civic celebrations by clubs. Southern clubwomen have taken up this civic idea possibly with greater enthusiasm than those of almost any other section of the country, and the chairman of the General Federation Civics Committee, Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell, of Texas, is a Southern woman of broad sympathies and large opportunities for observation of life generally. The plans of her committee have been well made, and Southern clubs everywhere are actively engaged in perfecting their plans for their civic celebration on March 10th. Public sanitation, the gospel of cleanliness as applied to streets, parks and back yards; school sanitation; water supply; the spread of contagious diseases, especially the spread of tuberculosis; unsightly billboards; ugly and inartistic public monuments; untidy public buildings—all have a direct influence on the lives of women and their children, and woman's influence in civic life is being appealed to more definitely every day. What this influence may be depends upon the individual woman, community and State; what it is becomes one of the most interesting points for consideration in all communities. The call to women for civic work and influence is pronounced in no uncertain terms through the press, and one prominent newspaper in Virginia expresses itself as follows: "It is, in our opinion, the especial duty of woman to preach the gospel of public cleanliness and public ornamentation." It has been said that cleanliness is habit, and habit, education; then let the clubs continue their educational propaganda on this subject until a habit has been acquired by the masses, and then, under the influence of the clubwomen, we may hope for clean and sanitary surroundings wherever human habitations are established.

CLUBWOMEN in South Carolina were especially interested in three measures before their General Assembly and the following summing up of the fate of these measures will be interesting not only to South Carolina clubwomen but to all Southern clubwomen.

The bill to create a Free Traveling Library Commission, which was being worked for by the clubwomen of South Carolina, was favorably reported by the committee, and had many friends, but it was blocked in several directions, and although it carried the small appropriation of only five hundred dollars it failed to pass.

While this is a disappointment to the clubwomen it is not a discouragement, for they believe in the value and usefulness of such a measure for the betterment of the intellectual and educational uplift of their various communities, because they have practical experience in responding to the demands of the people in every part of the State for traveling libraries.

Allied with the best in culture, influence and education in

the State; unhampered by any obligations to repay; untrammelled by any entangling alliances; free from all self-seeking, and endowed with an unlimited supply of enthusiasm and application, the clubwomen of South Carolina will work all the harder for this measure at succeeding sessions of the General Assembly.

The subject has now been put before the legislature, and with a greater familiarity with it and a clearer understanding of its possibilities, there is no doubt but that the time will come when free *library opportunities* for all the people of the State will be sought for and secured.

The bill providing for the establishment of kindergartens in the public school system, under certain conditions, presented under the direction of the kindergarten workers among the clubwomen, and heartily endorsed and worked for by the clubs generally, failed to pass.

The appropriation for the Reformatory and Industrial School for Wayward Boys, also so earnestly worked for by South Carolina clubwomen, received favorable consideration by the legislature to the extent of ten thousand dollars for the continuance of the work on that institution. This reformatory idea has been before the clubwomen of South Carolina for years; the first year the bill establishing such a school failed to pass; the second year the bill passed and an appropriation of four thousand dollars was made; the third year, although the site had been secured and the four thousand dollars appropriated had been expended to begin the work, no appropriation was made, and so the work stood still. This recent appropriation of ten thousand dollars is a portent that the value of this necessary institution is finally taking hold of the minds of the members of the General Assembly.

Thus we see that failure at a first presentation of an idea is always possible, but if there is merit and worth in the plan eventually it will receive recognition. Let the library and the kindergarten workers take heart and apply themselves this coming year in promoting the usefulness of their departments, keeping carefully all statistics in regard to their influence and popularity among the masses of the people, and at the next meeting of the Assembly let them stand ready with their bills in behalf of their noble and unselfish endeavors for their fellowmen.

INDUSTRIAL education is one of the great movements of the century. Germany has set an example to the nations by the splendid material results accruing to national prosperity from her system of industrial training in her schools. America is roused to a vital interest in the matter, and the South, with its wonderful material resources, is not slow in recognizing its usefulness and value in the upbuilding of that section. Industrial State colleges are to be found in many States, showing that need for this training is provided for in the higher grades of public education.

A movement in behalf of general industrial education in Virginia, promoted by the clubwomen of that State, is interestingly reported in this issue of *The Keystone*, p. 8. Clubwomen everywhere will be interested in the splendid effort being made along these lines in Amherst and Campbell counties.



# OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.  
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

## SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. L. W. Parker, Greenville, S. C., Corresponding Secretary, S. C. F. W., Manager.

President—Mrs. A. F. McKissick, Greenwood, S. C.  
Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. A. Russell, Greenville, S. C.  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. W. Parker, Greenville, S. C.  
Treasurer—Mrs. R. H. Jennings, Orangeburg, S. C.  
(70 Clubs—4,760 Members.)

THE 10th annual Convention of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Greenville, May 5-8, 1908. All clubs will please send the names of delegates to Mrs. M. P. Gridley, Greenville, S. C., by April 1st.

MRS. L. W. PARKER has been appointed Corresponding Secretary of the South Carolina Federation vice Mrs. R. D. Wright, resigned.

THE CIVIC LEAGUE of Greers has been admitted to the State Federation—Miss Louise Marchant, President.

THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT to the Constitution will be offered at Greenville: Change Article IX to read: "*The annual dues—payable by June 1st.*"

MARGARET SMYTH MCKISSICK,  
President S. C. Federation.

THE CALLED MEETING of the Executive Board of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Greenwood, February 25th, at the residence of the President, Mrs. A. F. McKissick. The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Russell (Greenville); the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. W. Parker (Greenville), and the President were present. Arrangements for the Greenville Convention were completed and the following appointments were made: *Delegates to the Boston Biennial*—Mrs. A. F. McKissick, Greenwood; Miss L. B. Poppenheim, Charleston; Mrs. L. W. Parker, Greenville; Mrs. H. B. Beall, Sumter; and the new State President, to be elected at Greenville. *Alternates*—Mrs. J. A. Russell, Greenville; Mrs. W. B. Burney, Columbia; Mrs. Julius Visanska, Charleston. *Credential Committee*—Mrs. J. A. Scott, Johnson; Mrs. T. D. Darlington, Laurens; Mrs. Elias P. Earle, Seneca. *Committee on Rules*—Mrs. G. W. Williams, Lancaster; Mrs. J. R. Vandiver, Anderson; Mrs. Ashley Halsey, Charleston. *President's Recommendations*—Mrs. H. C. Wannamaker, Orangeburg; Miss Jane Thomas, Ridgeway; Mrs. W. G. Houseal, Newberry.

ALICE RUSSELL,  
Recording Secretary S. C. Federation.

IN THE ARRANGEMENTS for the Greenville Convention the Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, May 5th, at 6 o'clock. The delegates will be entertained at a reception on Tuesday evening, 9-11, at the residence of Mrs. L. W. Parker. The convention will be called to order Wednesday, May 6th, at 10 a. m. Mrs. M. P. Gridley (Greenville) will make the address of welcome, and the response will be given by Mrs. H. W. Beall, Sumter. Wednesday evening will be given up to the Fine Art Session, in charge of the Chairmen of *Literature and Reciprocity*, and *Music*. Under the

educational work of the federation, Miss Nance will make a plea for the rural schools. Thursday morning Mr. Thomas F. Parker, of Greenville, will make an address on Practical Welfare Work. The convention will close Thursday afternoon, and a reception will be tendered the delegates at the Country Club at 6 o'clock. The departments will report alphabetically, and the club reports will be given at intervals between the departments' reports.

THE LITERARY EVENING SESSION at the Greenville Convention will occur on Wednesday, May 6th. Clubs are reminded of the request of the Chairman of Reciprocity and Literature, printed in the February *Keystone* and sent to every club. Let every club have some paper on file with this department by March 10th, and go on record as co-operating.

MARY B. POPPENHEIM,  
Chairman Department of Literature and Reciprocity,  
Charleston, S. C.

THE CENTURY CLUB, CHARLESTON, observed Reciprocity Day on the afternoon of February 10th. Miss Mary Poppenheim, Chairman of the Reciprocity Department of the South Carolina Federation, also a charter member of the Century Club, read a carefully prepared history of the Century Club from its organization in 1895, for the purpose of preserving in accessible form the main events in the life of the club, without the necessity of referring to the minutes. Carrying out the idea of "*borrowing a clubwoman*," the club had invited Miss Marion Hanckel, of the South Carolina Kindergarten Association, to address its members, and she gave an interesting paper on *Kindergartens*.

THE MEMMINGER ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION celebrated Reciprocity Day on February 11th by holding an open meeting, inviting all Charleston clubwomen to attend and each to bring a book. The literary program was in charge of two speakers, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Chairman of the South Carolina Federation's Department of Literature and Reciprocity, and Chairman of the Literature Committee of the General Federation, who explained the reciprocity idea, the plan of the Literature Committee, and offered suggestions for general reading for the average clubwoman; and Mr. Tate, principal of the Memminger High School for Girls, who gave a practical talk on the use of libraries in a school, and spoke of the great assistance the Memminger Alumnae Association had rendered to the Memminger School, especially in connection with their library. A large number of books were donated at this meeting, which will be used for the public schools in Charleston, after sending a case to Mrs. Nichols, Chairman of the South Carolina Federation Library Extension Department. This meeting will bring forth good results among the clubwomen of Charleston, as many present will persuade their individual clubs to co-operate in some way in building up the libraries in the public schools of Charleston.

THE NINTH MIDWINTER MEETING of the Charleston City Federation of Women's Clubs was held in the ballroom of the St. John Hotel, February 19th, at 4:30 p. m. The program consisted of a few musical numbers, a literary address on "*Some Old and Grotesque Legends of Charleston*,"



by Mr. John Bennett, author of "Master Skylark," "Barnaby Lee" and "The Treasure of Pierre Gaillard," followed by a social half hour, when tea and light refreshments were served.

Mr. Bennett's address was a psychological and anthropological presentation of the traditions and superstitions of the Charleston negro, treated in a literary manner and embellished with vivid, lurid and grotesque word pictures. Although each clubwoman was allowed the privilege of but one guest, this was the largest meeting the City Federation has ever held. The official guests of the City Federation were the Board of Public School Commissioners, the officers of the Charleston Chapter, U. D. C., and the officers of the Charleston County Teachers' Association. This annual literary meeting is a prominent feature in literary circles in Charleston, and is looked forward to each year with great pleasure, and the clubwomen are grateful to the literary men of the city, who are ever ready and willing to co-operate with them in their efforts for literature.

### MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for Mississippi to Mrs. Anthony Fly, McComb City, Manager.

President—Mrs. W. P. Mills, McComb City.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Daisy B. Lamkin, Frair's Point.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. F. Andre, Crystal Springs.  
(36 Clubs.)

THE Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs will hold their annual convention April 28th to 30th, at West Point. The New Century Club, together with the State officers, are making plans that promise an enthusiastic meeting. They ask that all delegates arrive on Tuesday, if possible; and that in sending names of delegates those who have friends in West Point will confer a favor on the committee by stating it, as some non-club member might be glad to entertain friends when their homes would not be open to strangers.

Convenient trains for the delegates to arrive on are: On the Mobile and Ohio, the north-bound train arriving at 3:55 p. m.; on the Southern, the east-bound train due at 2:05 p. m.; and on the Illinois Central, north-bound due at 9:45 a. m.

AS STATE CHAIRMAN OF CIVICS AND FORESTRY, I appeal to every club in Mississippi to observe a general rally day *March 10th*. Let each club agree to unite in this work. *March 10th* is just the time for a rally program on *Civics and Forestry*, interesting the people generally in planting trees, cleaning up back yards, screening houses, beautifying yards, and, above all, taking steps to stamp out tuberculosis. Ask each public school board to establish a free kindergarten, as impressions made upon a child up to seven years are more lasting than at any other period of life. Hold public open meetings and discuss these subjects. My dear clubs, don't be timid in undertaking this request that comes from our General Federation; it is for the good of our land and people.

Earnestly, MRS. E. B. MILLER,  
Miss. Chairman of Civics and Forestry.

West Point, Miss.

THE THURSDAY CLUB of Iuka, of which Mrs. Lucy Rowe is president, has joined the federation.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB of Clarksdale has just been organized as a federated club.

The federation extends greetings to these new additions, and trusts our journeying together may be profitable and pleasant.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB of Durant are contemplating the study of domestic science instead of the course which they have pursued for several years.

BLESSINGS ON those clubs that send voluntary reports, and on the women who will answer a letter. Mrs. Lottie H. Smith, Corresponding Secretary of the Twentieth Century Club, Kosciusko, says:

The third number of the Lyceum Course was presented on the 5th—"The Italian Boys," with Mr. Froland. This is their second visit to our city under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Club, and they were received enthusiastically. The two preceding attractions were "The Temple Quartette" and Madame Fisk. The Flower Show held in November was successful, and another is being planned for the coming November, in conjunction with the "Domestic Science" exhibit. With the assistance of the music teachers of the public school, the study of musical composers and their music is made very interesting.

The social spirit is fostered by entertainments, given at regular intervals by different members of the club, usually two or three combining, so this duty may not fall on each member oftener than once in two years. We hope to send several subscriptions for *The Keystone* soon.

THE PERIPATETICS of Brookhaven recently gave the first of a series of matinee musicales in the banquet hall of the Inez Hotel. The audience of about two hundred included besides members of other clubs in the city, every boy and girl who was known to be at all interested in music. The program was contributed by Mesdames Daniel Wood and Brown, who gave piano numbers; Mesdames Parsons, Johnson, Greenwood and Willoughby, who gave vocal selections; and Mrs. McCormick, a talented violinist.

THE CLIMBERS have just enjoyed a lecture on "How to Look at Pictures," by Professor Woodward, of Newcomb College. It was held in the Whitworth College chapel and the invitations included the faculty and art students of the college.

THE CRESCITE CLUB, McComb, in January held its usual midwinter social meeting at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dunn, to which their men friends were bidden.

A domestic science program is one of their plans for February. Music forms a feature of each meeting. Their literary work for the year is the Bay View course on "A History of English Literature." They have recently planted a hedge of 400 feet in front of the high school campus.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Milo McNeal, Ormond.  
(25 Clubs—1,100 Members.)

THE Florida State Federation is in receipt of a very courteous invitation from the President of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. A. F. McKissick, asking them to share their State headquarters with them at the biennial meeting in Boston next June.

We are also in receipt of a request from Sarah A. Forbes, Chairman Ticket Committee, saying "that to secure admission to Symphony Hall and other buildings in use for Ninth Biennial it will be necessary to make application in advance. Any club members, not delegates or alternates, intending to go will please send names at once, through Club President (vouched for) to Mrs. S. A. Forbes, 91 Elm Hill Avenue, Roxbury, Mass."

CLARA W. RAYNOR, President.

MRS. T. M. SHACKLEFORD, State Chairman of Forestry, is urging every clubwoman to work for the passage of the bill now pending in Congress for the purchase of the Appalachian White Mountains, the purchase to remain a national forest. The bill is in the hands of the House Agricultural Committee, and clubwomen are requested to write—and to try to influence others to write, both men and women—to Congressman Scott, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, House of Representatives, and to Florida's Congressmen in Washington to speak to Mr. Scott and do all they can for the bill. It is important that the clubs act promptly in this matter.

It is a matter of deepest regret that Mr. Enos Mills could not visit other clubs in Florida when on his visit to the Jacksonville Woman's Club. His address was an inspiration to his hearers, and Florida is delighted that he was able to make an engagement in Florida.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB, Tallahassee, on January 21st, under the direction of the Forestry Committee, held a memorial service in Boulevard Park—a park made and maintained by the club—and planted two live-oak trees, one to the memory of a beloved member, Mrs. B. C. Lewis, and the other to the memory of Major Robert Gamble, one of Tallahassee's oldest and most honored citizens. A memorial tablet, suitably inscribed, will be placed on each tree later.

Arbor Day, February 7th, more than 200 school-children took part in a delightful Arbor Day program that reflected great credit on them and their teachers.

THE PALMETTO CLUB, of Daytona, has held its usual fortnightly meeting at the club-house. Daytona is so largely a tourist town that we have always many visiting clubwomen as our guests; among them a number of fine musicians, who have been most generous with their talent. Rev. Dr. Rutter, of M. E. Church, gave a forceful address on Reformatory Work on Philanthropic Day, urging club members to take up such work. Literary Department followed with a day on French Life and Pen-Pictures of Paris. February

13th our State Secretary to General Federation, Mrs. Kirk Monroe, will be the guest of the club and give her interesting paper on the Seminole Indian, she having in the early days of Florida had unusual opportunities for studying them and methods of life at close range.

The educational department of the club are endeavoring to foster a Junior Civic League among the school children; meetings being held once a month and different programs given. In March Dr. Blackman, President of Rollin College, Winter Park, will give an address for the department on their open day. The philanthropic departments are still doing usual work of local charity and helpfulness in helping colored inhabitants to sustain two free kindergartens for their little children.

THE WOMAN'S TOWN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION of De Funiak Springs celebrated Arbor Day with the school children. The new school grounds had been grubbed and wood cut up into cord-wood the days preceding under their supervision, and Arbor Day was announced as a general cleaning day. Several men came with teams, and all the children worked, piling brush, carrying fire-wood and picking up generally. Thirty cords of wood were carried by the children alone, and twenty-eight trees planted, after which the State program was rendered, several patrons taking part in the discussion on "*The Best Way of Improving and Maintaining the School Grounds.*" At the close of these exercises the children (400) were treated to a candy pull. A great kettle had been placed on the grounds the day before and the children eagerly looked forward to the treat. The club has also planted sixty trees in and around Lincoln Park, the park that we grubbed and improved with croquet and tennis grounds two years ago. We are now holding social receptions, one every other week.

VANDELIA VARNUM THOMAS, President.

### NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for North Carolina to Miss Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro, N. C., General Federation Secretary, Manager.

President—Miss Margaret Lovell Gibson, Wilmington, N. C.  
Recording Secretary—Miss Sallie Simms Kirby, Goldsboro, N. C.  
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Rebecca Cheatham Watkins, Henderson, N. C.  
(33 Clubs—1,000 Members.)

THE State Chairman of the Village Improvement Department would repeat the request of Mrs. Dibrell, National Chairman of the Civic Committee, and urge all clubs to unite in a general observance of Civic Day on March 10. This observance need not be confined to civic clubs, but literary clubs as well may co-operate in thus working for civic betterment.

THE CIVIC CLUB of Southern Pines sends us an interesting and inspiring account of its second annual "Cleaning-up Day." "At an early hour Saturday morning the Civic Club's energetic president, Mrs. Helen Boyd Dull, attended by the municipal department and others, and served by laborers employed for the occasion, with the usual retinue of teams placed at their disposal, began the work of the day. All day long the teams were kept busy drawing to the



dump great loads of refuse, rubbish, and clutter." In every direction were seen "the teams with their badge-decorated 'white-wings' busily at work." In the afternoon the club members raked together all the dry leaves and burned them. One of the best features of the day was the cleaning up of many vacant lots and the placing of new seats in some of the parks.

ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE achievements of the clubs this winter is the maintenance of a night-school by the Woman's Club of Kinston. The small chapel in the factory district of the town has been fitted up with blackboard, lamps, and hinged-desk tops on the back of the benches. Here the boys and girls who, by force of circumstances, must spend the day at work, may come and receive instruction. A regular fee is asked of each pupil, that they may retain the feeling of independence, but lack of means is not allowed to bar any one from the privileges of the school. The Woman's Club is responsible for any expense incurred in the running of the school.

The results of the experiment are gratifying. The school is well attended—as many as sixty-three pupils have attended in one evening. The children, in spite of their long day's work, are bright and interested and eager to learn. Members of the Woman's Club and other friends visit the school frequently, and occasionally break the routine of study by pleasing addresses, magic lantern shows, phonographic concerts, and other forms of entertainment.

We wish continued success to the Woman's Club in this and all its undertakings, and to the children of Kinston in their strivings for an education.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB of Newbern, through its Child Study Department, has planned monthly meetings for the mothers and teachers of the public school, and has outlined some interesting programs for these meetings.

Child-study is a new science, known to the scientific world as Paidology. The fact that fourteen American universities and several foreign universities have established chairs of Paidology at once proves its importance. Stanley Hall, the great student of child nature, says it is the only science ever created by woman. It is an honor for woman to wear with pride, for the new science is destined to prove of great value to humanity. Nearly all the data upon which the science is based have been collected by observant mothers in the normal home life, for the use of the distinguished men who are investigating this new line of thought.

Child-study is an important department in nearly all women's clubs, and this fact is an encouraging feature of club life. Motherhood, the ordained vocation of womanhood, is the most important of all earthly functions, for woman forms the child, and no amount of re-forming can equal the first good forming. Child-study will teach woman the better way to form and to train children, for knowledge is a better guide than instinct. We conquer and improve nature as we learn to use its fixed laws, and the same will prove true of human nature.

Child-study will explain the cause of many failures and disappointments, for it will teach why nerve-centers and certain muscles must be developed together at a certain age or never at all; it will teach why sewing, music, wood-

carving and whatever makes nimble fingers is good for all, and why running, jumping, and all athletic games are good for girls as well as boys, and will teach us to correlate the physical, mental, and spiritual natures of the child so as to secure a full triune development.

In fact, child-study is full of beautiful mysteries, which will unfold into elevating truths to those who seek to learn.

Do women need this knowledge? Let each woman reply to her own soul. The result will be that in all the clubs the Child-study Department will soon become the largest.

SALLIE S. COTTEN.

THE HOME SCIENCE Department of Sorosis (Wilmington) recently entertained the club through the lecture of Dr. Edward J. Wood on several phases of Child Study, which is this winter the subject of the department's work.

UNDER THE AUSPICES of the Domestic Economy Department of the Reviewers' Club (Greensboro), Dr. Gudger, of the Chair of Biology at the State Normal College, addressed the club on the subject of "Yeast and Mold." This interesting theme was treated in a practical way, and illustrated by microscopic demonstrations.

THROUGH THE ART CLUB (Greensboro) the people of Greensboro were last month treated to the exhibition of pictures sent out by the Art Committee of the G. F. W. C. The exhibit contains original works of art by American artists. The traveling art gallery on its North Carolina tour was also shown at Kinston and Goldsboro.

WE HAVE RECEIVED the North Carolina Sorosis (Wilmington) Year Book. In the outlined plans of its three departments it shows much thought and a pleasant prospect in the working out of its interesting programs. Its three departments—literature, art and home science—are supplemented by committees on traveling libraries, art in schools and civics.

#### RECIPROCITY BUREAU

[All programs and papers received by this bureau are acknowledged in this department monthly. These programs and papers are intended for exchange among clubs, and may be secured upon application to "The Keystone," when accompanied by return postage.]

Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs Year Book, 1907-1908.

North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs Year Book, 1907-1908.

Modern Music—The Matinee Musical Club, 1906-1907.

Art Committee Announcement—A Syllabus of Art Study Outlines, prepared by the Art Committee, General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1906.

Winthrop College Bulletin, containing report from the Commission appointed in 1891 to investigate the question of the requirements and cost of a Normal and Industrial College for South Carolina, and the report on the Industrial Education of Women in Germany, made in 1895 by Dr. Edward S. Joynes.

Whittier, the Poet of New England, and the Poet of Anti-Slavery, by George Edward Woodberry—a newspaper article.

Dixie Year Book, Dixie Chapter, U. D. C., Anderson. S. C.—Historical collection of South Carolina history.

I RENEW my subscription to *The Keystone*. I enjoy it very much and get information from it that I get from no other source.  
MRS. ANDREW BROADBUSH.

Louisville, Ky., February 17, 1908.



### VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for Virginia to Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg, Va., Corresponding Secretary Virginia F. W. C., Manager.

President—Mrs. James R. Kyle, Lynchburg.  
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg.  
Treasurer—Mrs. E. S. Leadbeater, Alexandria.  
(10 Clubs—683 Members.)

THE Executive Board of the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs met at the call of the president in Lynchburg on February 11. There were present: Mrs. James R. Kyle, Mrs. William I. Harris, Mrs. Walter Ruan and Miss Elizabeth Gish. Sickness prevented the attendance of Mrs. Lucien H. Cocke and Mrs. E. S. Leadbeater.

Much routine business was dispatched. It was decided to accept the cordial invitation of the Bedford Library Association to hold the annual convention in Bedford City in May, the date to be fixed by the local club. At the evening session each Federation Committee was represented by its chairman, by some member thereof or by a report. It is encouraging to feel that committees, though slow to organize and to select work, are now grasping the situation and making honest effort to do good work. There has been, from the newness of the organization and the lack of acquaintance between clubs, many difficulties to be overcome. After hearing reports the president, smiling enthusiastically, said, "Well, I feel encouraged!"

THE ART COMMITTEE hopes next year that the large federated clubs of the State will agree to undertake an extensive exhibition of original paintings by well-known American artists, such as have been so successful, artistically and financially, wherever an exhibit has been held. The clubs in the small towns, it is hoped, will endeavor to secure some small, though attractive collection of pictures. The Art Committee asks that Virginia clubs bear this plan in mind for another year. Such exhibits give much pleasure in a community, are fine in a cultural way for grown people and children, and reflect credit upon the club under whose auspices they are held. The practical advantage in several clubs in a State having the same exhibit is the saving in expressage and time. Mrs. R. I. Gleaves, Franklin Road, Roanoke, will be glad to hear from clubs interested in an art exhibition.

ELIZABETH GISH.

THE COMMITTEES ON INDUSTRIAL Education and the Home and on Education report active work and practical plans in aid of the rural schools. These two committees, working together, have in press competition papers to be used in offering prizes through the schools for industrial and other work—the best loaf of bread, the best pound of butter, the best hand-made cook apron, the best results obtained from one-sixteenth of an acre cultivated in corn, potatoes and black-eyed peas, and for the best speller among the public school pupils in any county where the work is taken up, and for the best composition on the history of that county.

These papers have been carefully prepared after a study of the pamphlets used in the South and West in similar

work, and set forth clearly the conditions upon which a pupil may enter the competition, the points which must be covered by the written reports required, the method of entering the contest, and give practical and helpful suggestions for the preparation or production of the prize article. A carefully written report is required to be sent in with each industrial exhibit.

Any Federated Club in Virginia desiring to take up this prize work will be furnished with a copy of the printed paper for adaptation to its local plans.

Already the Lynchburg Woman's Club has commenced the work for Amherst County, and the Van Dyke League, of Lynchburg, for Campbell County, and are offering first, second and third prizes of \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00, to the contestants for each the best bread, butter, corn, potatoes and peas; seven sewing prizes, one of \$3.00, one of \$2.00 and five of \$1.00 each, and \$5.00 each for the Spelling and History Composition. The clubs secured the prize money from business men of their city interested in the work. In recognition of their public spirit, these prize-offers are given advertising space on the competition papers.

It is planned to send out the papers about the first of March, through the County Superintendents, who will request their teachers to see that each child has a clear understanding of the offer and its conditions, and a fair opportunity to compete for the prizes. Neighborhood committees are to be appointed for each school to look after and encourage the work during vacation, and in October the prizes are to be awarded at a County School Fair to be held at the county seat under the auspices of the county people and the county school authorities. It is hoped to make these County Fairs occasions of great interest and entertainment, as well as of profit. The prizes will be then awarded, the spelling-match held, the prize history competition read, and speeches from well-known educators enjoyed.

### GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

President—Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, 1550 Sherman Ave., Denver, Col.  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Charles Perkins, 1547 Clinch Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

[The Federation Bulletin, "the official organ" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, according to agreement at the St. Paul Biennial, sends out to all sectional "official organs" each month advance sheets of the official General Federation News, which it has received for publication. The following are official items for March.]

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE BOOK.—A plan which is commended to every State and to individual clubs as well is the one just carried out by Mrs. Rankin, President of the Improvement League of Minneapolis; namely, the publication of a small pamphlet containing the State statutes relating to women and children. A collection of this kind has been made before in a few States. It is of great value to the busy worker, but the real worth of such publication is the bringing of knowledge to the individual woman of her property rights and her claims as mother, wife, etc. There is great ignorance of business affairs among certain classes of women. Why not a course of study in this line, knowledge of which frequently means very existence? What harm to know about loans and mort-



gages, about bonds and banking, insurance, taxes, ground rents, investments, and other vital matters! More and more women are the owners of property, either through earning capacity or inheritance. It is fascinating and delightful to sail smoothly on, cared for and protected. But suppose the storm comes, the bread-winner is taken away: all the studies of years will be of slight service compared to some genuine practical knowledge of how to meet the bread-and-butter question. Many a fine soul has been an unwilling dependent and passed an unhappy old age, because of ignorance of this absolutely life-containing subject. More New State Year Books, and every one "just a fit": Arkansas, New Jersey, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri and Vermont.

SARAH S. PLATT DECKER.

THE CIVICS COMMITTEE requests that there may be a general Civic Rally among the clubs on March 10, 1908, or as near that date as possible. We urge the State Chairman of Civics to assist us in making this a National Civic Day. Please have the State press agitate all lines of civic development and beauty.

We wish it clearly understood that the proposed study of the Legal Status of Women is not an agitation of the ballot issue, but confined to their property rights and their eligibility upon school boards and in institutions for women and children.

MRS. JOSEPH B. DIBRELL, Chairman.

THE GENERAL FEDERATION PINS may be had on application to Mrs. Edward L. Johnson, 91 Prospect Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The price is 55 cents. With hook, 60 cents.

INFORMATION IS RECEIVED from the Art Committee that the "Handbook on Art in Our Own County" will be published in February, and should be ready in March for distribution by the Bureau of Information.

MARY I. WOOD,

Manager of Bureau of Information.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, through its Chairman, Mrs. Rufus Williams, again makes a plea for the various State Federation Presidents to appoint their members to this special department and report their names at once to her, so that she may have a member from every State on her committee, and have reports of the work in every State for the Boston Biennial.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, through its Chairman, Mrs. Shiek, reports the admission of the following clubs to the General Federation during January: One club each from Georgia, Minnesota and Missouri; 2 clubs each from Illinois, New Jersey and New York; 3 from Colorado; 4 from Rhode Island; 6 from Indiana, and 10 from Massachusetts; also the State Federation of Alabama with 46 clubs, and the Affiliated Association of the Woman's Auxiliary Railway Mail Association of the United States.

THE HOUSEHOLD ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, through its Chairman, Mrs. Blair, has prepared another program for the study of Domestic Science, entitled *Domestic Art*, which treats of the sewing basket, dress materials, studies, underwear, color in dress, dress in relation to health, etc. This program is on file in *The Keystone* Reciprocity Bureau and may be had upon application.

IN THE DECEMBER number of *Good Government*, the official journal of the National Civil Service Reform League, is an article on *The Work of Women for Civil Service Reform* by Miss Anna L. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on Civil Service Reform of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Miss Clark, in a clear and straightforward manner, tells just what the clubwomen have aimed at, and just what methods they have used to arouse a public interest in this vital question. She stresses the work in connection with educational and eleemosynary institutions, and shows how the principle of civil service reform may be applied to all the departments of the Federation. Miss Clark says: "A large part of the work so far has been preparing the ground for the planting of the seeds of the new thought as to the power of organized womanhood in carrying forward any reform of a public character." Miss Perkins, of Concord, Mass., a former South Carolinian, first aroused the clubwomen to their possibilities in this direction, and as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Civil Service Reform stands ever ready to help with valuable advice and suggestions. Miss Georgie Bacon, also a member of this Advisory Committee and the Chairman of the Local Biennial Board for the Boston Biennial, was Miss Clark's predecessor and formulated plans for the study of this special subject. Miss Clark, the present chairman, is most enthusiastic in her work, and is splendidly endowed with the very qualities that are required in the leader of such a cause. She understands the art of arousing women to their patriotic obligations, and all clubwomen interested in this vital subject should appeal directly to her so as to come in touch with her strong personality as chairman.

Address Miss Anna L. Clark, Boonville, Mo.

L. B. P.

*The Keystone* is the most helpful of any magazine I take and the most thoroughly read.  
Mrs. EMMA JACKSON.  
Conway, N. H., February 11, 1908.

#### THE UNITED STATES DAUGHTERS OF 1812

TO THE KEYSTONE: You may be interested to know that the United States Daughters of 1812, through the District of Columbia branch, has placed its imperishable bronze marker upon the grave of a soldier of 1812 in Richmond, Virginia. His name was Hall Neilson. He was born in Ireland in 1787; lived in Richmond, and died in 1860. He was a cavalryman in the 19th Regiment of Virginia Militia during the War of 1812.

Chicago, Ill.

ALICE BRADFORD WILES.

President U. S. Daughters 1812, State of Illinois.

ENCLOSED find fifty cents, for the renewal of my subscription to *The Keystone*. \* \* \* The U. D. C. Department has been of special interest to me on their (my children's) account. \* \* \* It is a source of much satisfaction to see the fine place *The Keystone* has taken for the good of Southern women; and as ever, I send my best wishes for its continued success.

(Mrs. MORRIS M.) MABEL A. FREEMAN.

Claremont, N. H., January 29, 1908.

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 (Up-to-date Notes.)

THE United Daughters of the Confederacy unveiled their memorial window, in loving memory of Mrs. Varina Jefferson Davis, in the Church of the Redeemer at Biloxi, Mississippi, on Friday, February 28, 1908. This window is placed next to the memorial window to Mr. Davis, which was placed in the church by Mrs. Davis. The subject is "Christ in the Home of Martha and Mary;" the idea being to typify the strength and faith of Mrs. Davis' character. The inscription is—

To the glory of God and in loving memory of  
 Varina Howell Davis, wife of Jefferson Davis,  
 President of the Southern Confederacy.  
 Born 7th of May, 1826. Died 16th October, 1906.  
 "Oh Lord, in Thee I trusted, let me never be confounded."  
 Erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1907.  
 "Deo Vindici."

This window was made by Mayer & Co., of Munich, Bavaria, and is in harmony with the other windows in this church made by this firm and erected as memorials to Mr. Davis and Miss Winnie Davis by Mrs. Jefferson Davis herself.

THE ARLINGTON MONUMENT COMMITTEE has finally been completely organized. Mrs. Stone, the President General U. D. C., went to Washington and personally addressed the U. D. C. Chapters in the District of Columbia, one camp of Veterans, and the camp of Sons of Veterans there. Col. Hiliary Herbert is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Arlington Confederate Monument Association, and Mr. Wallace Streater, 1652 Monroe street, N. W., Washington, D. C., is its bonded Treasurer. All funds, as collected by State Directors, should be sent to Mr. Streater.

The Confederate organization in the District expect soon to have a lecture by Senator "Bob." Taylor for the benefit of their Arlington Monument fund.

HISTORIANS OF CHAPTERS of the U. D. C. everywhere should read the sketch of the Battle of Sharpsburg (September 17, 1862) in the January, 1908, *Veteran*, by W. R. Hamby of Austin, Texas. Mr. Hamby was a member of the 4th Texas, and was evidently *there*. This sketch, "Hood's Texas Brigade at Sharpsburg," should be especially interesting to Texas, South Carolina and Georgia U. D. C.'s, as troops from these three States composed this brigade. This bloodiest day in American history saw eighty-two thousand Federals and thirty-eight thousand Confederates engaged in a conflict which resulted in a list of twenty-two thousand killed and wounded.

The early morning fighting before the Dunkards' church, where the Texians, The Hampton Legion and the 18th Georgia made their brave stand, shows the following per cent. of casualties: The 1st Texas lost 82 per cent. in killed and wounded; The Hampton Legion (South Carolinians) 71 per cent. and four color-bearers; the 4th Texas 53 per

cent.; the 5th Texas 49 per cent.; the 18th Georgia 48 per cent. The whole brigade aggregated a loss of over 60 per cent. and sixteen color bearers. The killed and wounded of the "Six Hundred" at Balaklava was less than 40 per cent. of those engaged in that charge celebrated in immortal verse. On the Union side, the 12th Massachusetts lost 67 per cent.; the 9th New York 63 per cent.; the 3d Wisconsin 57 per cent. This was the record of American fighting from sunrise to sunset on one day.

Another account of this great battle is also given in the same number of the *Veteran*, by C. A. Richardson of Richmond, Va.

Those women who trace their descent from the heroes who took part in this great battle must always feel an obligation to live up to that inheritance of matchless courage bequeathed them by their fathers.

TEXAS DIVISION, U. D. C.—Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell, Sequin, Texas, has been appointed the director for the Arlington Monument Association for the State of Texas.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.—A bust of General Lee. I am going to give you a little news from our chapter here, which I hope you will find space for in *The Keystone* in your next number.

"We have almost finished the pleasant task of presenting the picture of Robert E. Lee to the public schools; and the presentation ceremonies have become quite an event in school circles, the principals vying with each other in the arrangement of Lee programs for the occasion. At our Lee celebration, on the 20th, the program was furnished by the school children, and it was a pleasure to note the interest manifested both by the children and their teachers. We will begin in March to present the picture of Mr. Davis to the schools, and on the centennial of his birth we will have another celebration, in which the school children will play a conspicuous part. We find this the most effectual way of interesting the children in the study of Southern literature, even better than that of offering prizes for essays and poems. A feature of our Lee entertainment was the unveiling of a plaster bust of the hero of the evening. As our flag was drawn aside the children sang "Dixie" with great enthusiasm. The wife of our noted sculptor, Coppini, recently presented the chapter with busts of President Davis, Generals Lee, Jackson and A. S. Johnston. L. J. NORTHRUP.

January 22, 1908.

THE GEORGIA DIVISION, U. D. C., will unveil their Wirz Monument at Andersonville, June 3, 1908. This work was undertaken two years ago. The design selected is a plain shaft, 35 feet from the ground, and the monument will cost \$2,250; the contract has been given out. In the annual report of Mrs. A. B. Hull, the retiring president of the Division in 1907, she says:

And here let me place on record our deep appreciation of the "Woman's Relief Corps of the Grand Army of the Republic," whose president as almost her last act on earth saw to the removal of those unworthy and false statements on signboards and posters in the prison park at Andersonville. With them goes one great cause for bitterness and resentment, and when our monument is raised we can say, "Well done," and pass on to other living work which is calling us from every side.



THE MARYLAND DIVISION, U. D. C.—The Daughters of the Confederacy deeply sympathize with Mrs. Frank G. Odenheimer, the President of the Maryland Division, in the passing away of her beautiful young daughter, Dorothea Sothoron, who died January 4, 1908, from injuries received in a railroad wreck in December. Miss Odenheimer was only fifteen years old, but was a girl of much promise and an enthusiastic daughter of the Confederacy. On the day of the wreck she was carrying to school a composition on General Lee, to be read at a school contest on the subject "My Hero." This gentle, girlish tribute to General Lee was published in the *Baltimore American* recently, and shows that this talented young woman had all those qualities which would endear her to her home circle and make her a valued and inspired member of the U. D. C. Such interest in the work of the association shown by so young a girl is encouragement to the older members of the U. D. C., who can well understand the sore bereavement of her mother.

CHAPTER CONTRIBUTION TO DAVIS MONUMENT.—The following is an answer to the appeal in regard to this subject in the February *Keystone*: "Each month I look forward to *The Keystone* with so much pleasure; it keeps us well posted on U. D. C. and club work. I see Georgia is asking for some information about the amount the chapters have given to the Jefferson Davis Monument, saying how much the Savannah Chapter had given. If you will publish for me in the March *Keystone* that the Richmond (Va.) Chapter contributed twenty-eight hundred dollars (\$2,800) to the Jefferson Davis Monument I will be ever so much obliged. This was the largest amount given by any one chapter.

(Mrs. Edgar D.) JEANNIE WHITCOMB TAYLOR,  
Treasurer Jefferson Davis Monument Committee.

February 14, 1908.

### SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

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(60 Chapters—2,400 Members.)

THE Division President has two requests to make of every chapter in the Division: 1st. That they keep her informed as to any special chapter work. In this way she is kept in touch with the progress of the Division, and will be able to make all the better report of the year's work; but above all, she wishes the personal contact that a letter every now and then will give. 2d. That this column of *The Keystone* be read at each monthly meeting of the chapter. Try this a time or two and you will see the good effect in several ways.

A MATTER of great interest to the members of the South Carolina Division is the passage of a bill by the recent legislature providing for an Infirmary for Confederate Veterans; \$12,000 was the amount appropriated, the Infirmary to be

located on the Wallace property in Columbia. Two veterans are to be admitted from each county. The work of furnishing some room, or of assisting in anyway possible in this matter, will be a labor of love and pleasure to Daughters all over the State.

THE LEGISLATURE this year failed to give the appropriation of \$3,000 for the Veterans' Reunion.

AN INVITATION was received by your president to the ceremonies of unveiling the window erected by the U. D. C. in loving memory of Mrs. Varina Jefferson Davis, in the Church of the Redeemer at Biloxi, Miss., on February 23th.

THE RECORDER OF CROSSES, Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville, has had trouble since coming into office on account of lists of applicants for Crosses not being *typewritten*. Chapter presidents will please bear this in mind, since the mistake once made by the engraver is nearly always irremediable.

THE DIXIE CHAPTER, of Anderson, has issued its booklet for 1907, and this falls not one whit behind its predecessors in interest. It contains a number of very valuable historical articles, interspersed with the sweetest of poems by the two poetesses whom the Dixies are fortunate to have among their members.

THE EDGEFIELD Chapter, though only about a year old, is thoroughly alive in every department of U. D. C. work. They have just ordered thirty-six certificates, and report a most interesting program on Lee's birthday.

MRS. R. D. WRIGHT, President.

SHILOH MONUMENT.—Those chapters who made pledges for the Shiloh Monument at the Greenville and Chester Conventions of this Division, who have not paid them yet, are requested to redeem these pledges by *June 1, 1908*. The Director for South Carolina received last month \$5 from the B. W. Ball Chapter, Laurens, and \$10, an individual contribution, from Mrs. A. T. Smythe, Charleston. Chapters who are interested in placing portraits of Confederate heroes in the public schools will be able to secure good pictures and build up the South Carolina Shiloh Monument Fund by writing to their State Director on this subject. Address all communications and remit all donations for the Shiloh Monument to

MISS MARY B. POPPENHEIM,  
S. C. Director for Shiloh Monument, Charleston, S. C.

HISTORICAL PROGRAM for South Carolina Division, U. D. C., Chapters for March:

General Wade Hampton born March 18th, 1818.

a. Brief Biographical Sketch of Hampton.

b. The Confederate Cavalry.

c. Hampton's Power of Leadership.

Brief suggestions for historical work in chapters:  
February 17, 1865—Charleston evacuated; Columbia occupied by Federals.

March 18, 1818—General Wade Hampton born.

April 12, 1861—Bombardment of Fort Sumter.

May 11, 1861—Blockade of Charleston Harbor.

June 16, 1862—Battle of Secessionville, S. C.

July 21, 1861—First Battle of Manassas.

The Historical Committee begs the chapters for their earnest co-operation in all departments of its work which will be brought to their attention during the year. There are new chapters in the Division; there are others which do not work. We hope that this year will bring us some contribution from every chapter in the Division.

The Committee, as a whole or individually, will gladly respond to any question or appeal from any member of our organization. HARRIET P. LYNCH, Cheraw, Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE on General Hagood's Portrait, Mrs. S. Reid Stoney, reports that the portrait was unveiled in the House of Representatives at noon on January 20th.

The Hagood Portrait was placed just below the Speaker's stand, which was profusely decorated with flowers and the Confederate Colors, and a South Carolina regiment battle flag from the relic room added to the historic interest of the scene. Mrs. Johnson Hagood and Miss Hagood, sister of General Hagood, Col. Butler Hagood, General M. C. Butler, and Capt. M. C. Butler, Jr., were present as guests of honor for the occasion.

Col. Robert Aldrich, of Barnwell, in behalf of the Daughters of the Confederacy, presented the portrait to the State; Johnson Hagood, Jr., a grandnephew of General Hagood, and a son of Capt. Johnson Hagood, Chief of Artillery, U. S. A., in Washington, D. C., unveiled the portrait; Hon. Porter McMaster, as a representative of the State, received the gift. Many of the veterans of Hagood's Brigade were present at the ceremonies.

The Wade Hampton Chapter, U. D. C., Columbia, took this occasion for their celebration of General Lee's birthday, and at the unveiling ceremonies presented their essay medal to the student of the South Carolina University who had prepared the best essay on a Confederate subject. Mr. B. J. White, Rock Hill, was the recipient of the medal this year, and his subject was "What Place Will the Confederacy Hold in History?" After the presentation of the portrait, the prize essay was read and the chapter presented Crosses of Honor.

THE CHARLESTON CHAPTER celebrated General Lee's birthday on Sunday, January 19th, by special morning services at old St. Philip's Church. The Daughters of the Confederacy acted as the hostesses of the occasion, and invited the Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Confederate Home Girls and Citadel Cadets, all of whom attended as organized bodies and occupied special seats in the church. The rector, the Rev. S. Cary Beckwith, preached an eloquent sermon, suitable to the occasion, using as his text the words "Look to the Rock from which you were hewn," paying a tribute to the men and women of the 60's and making an appeal to the younger generation, which was most inspiring.

*The Keystone:* I have been authorized by our club, "The Wise and Otherwise," to subscribe for *The Keystone* for 1908, and am enclosing fifty cents for same. I enjoy *The Keystone* very much and only wish our members could be induced to subscribe for it individually.

Lenoir, N. C.

Mrs. E. F. Reid, Secretary.

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Dixieland and The Keystone	1 50	1 10
The North Carolina Booklet and The Keystone	1 50	1 10

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ARLINGTON MONUMENT.—Mesdames Thomas S. Bocock, *Director*, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond; Davis Christian, *Chairman*, Lynchburg; Samuel Griffin, Thomas Hardaway, J. M. Gregory, James Y. Leigh.

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AT THE January meeting of Richmond Chapter Mrs. Blenner moved, and it was carried, that \$10 be offered for best paper on "Life and Character of Mr. Davis," written by pupil in public or private school; children between the ages of twelve and sixteen, selected by teachers, to enter the contest. A good start. All chapters can not offer so tempting a reward, yet can hold out some inducement. Your President earnestly desires your *active* co-operation.

MRS. C. B. TATE,  
President Virginia Division, U. D. C.



OTHER PRIZES are being given by the chapters. For instance, Swythe County Chapter gives one for the best essay on "The Greatness of Matthew Maury."

THE CONFEDERATE CHOIRS went over to Franklin last month to help the Agnes Lee Chapter raise funds for their monument. The choirs seem to be always "lending a hand." We wish the Franklin Daughters all success.

THE VIRGINIA DIVISION feels the tenderest sympathy with the First Vice-President, Mrs. J. Y. Leigh, in the recent death of her sister, Mrs. Gordon.

THE RICHMOND CHAPTER is quite proud of the fact that they gave the largest amount of all contributions toward building the Davis Monument—the sum being \$2,090. They have now on hand a project to secure the Battle Abbey, on Twelfth street, between Clay and Marshall, in Richmond. This will place it next to the Confederate Museum and in a prominent and conspicuous part of the city. There are many barriers to placing it at this point, but we believe the Richmond Chapter will surmount them all and gain their laudable desire.

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THE North Carolina U. D. C. are making a strenuous effort to arouse interest in organizing the children as auxiliaries to the chapters all over the State. Mrs. Helen DeB. Wills, Raleigh, has been appointed by the President of the Division Chairman of the Committee on Children's Organizations. A circular has been issued urging the immediate action of every chapter in enlisting the interest and co-operation of all the U. D. C., so that everywhere the young Daughters of the Confederacy may be instructed in the history of the heroic struggle made by the Confederate States against injustice and oppression, and the not less heroic fight that has been going on ever since against slander and misrepresentation. We hope to inaugurate a definite system of instruction in every chapter for the training of their auxiliaries in this historical record, especially in regard to the defense of the Southern authorities against the accusation of cruelty to Federal prisoners. The facts why the Federal prisoners suffered unusual hardships should be taught:

1st. Because the United States government refused to carry out the cartel of exchange agreed on early in the war.

2d. Vice-President Stephens was sent by President Jefferson Davis to President Lincoln to urge the exchange in order to restrict the calamities of war, but was denied audience.

3d. A delegation of the Federal prisoners themselves was sent to

Washington to represent the situation and the plea of humanity for exchange, but this availed nothing.

4th. In January, 1864, and January, 1865, President Davis proposed, through Commissioner Ould, that each side should send surgeons and allow food, clothing, money and medicines to be sent to prisoners; no answer came.

5th. Unable to get medicines in the Confederacy (owing to the blockade of their ports), the offer was made to buy them from the United States for the sole use of the Federal prisoners; no reply was made.

6th. Then offer was made by the Confederate authorities to deliver the sick and wounded prisoners without exchange; there was no reply for months.

7th. As soon as the United States would receive them, thousands, both sick and well, were delivered without exchange.

General Grant assumed the responsibility for refusal to exchange prisoners. In his dispatch from City Point, August 18, 1864, he said: "To release all 'rebel' prisoners North would ensure Sherman's defeat and compromise our own safety here" (by sending that many Confederate soldiers back into the field). Even the editor of the *New York Sun*, Charles A. Dana, formerly Assistant Secretary of War (United States), vindicated the South and declared her "altogether acquitted of the charge of cruelty to prisoners." Yet we still, at this late day, hear the charge made, and Major Wirz is slandered after his judicial murder by a United States Court, as being cruel to prisoners.

We simply recommend to all the U. D. C. to protest against the use of books among the young people which misrepresent the South and her heroes. Lincoln in his inaugural address, March 4, 1861, used these words: "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with slavery; \* \* \* I believe I have no lawful right to do so, and I have no intention to do so. \* \* \* I am not in favor of negro citizenship." These things show, in the light of events: the emancipation proclamation; the negro suffrage; the anarchy that came after the war ceased. Cicero tells us "that it is the first and fundamental law of history that it should neither dare to teach anything that is false nor fear

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(The above extract is taken from a report of the committee of the Georgia Society, printed in the *Chattanooga Sunday Times*, November 5, 1899.)

Many replies to the circular issued have been received from the North Carolina chapters, most of them stating that they are interested in the subject, and several that they have auxiliaries in working order and taking up the U. D. C. work with zeal. Others write for directions and suggestions how to proceed in organizing an auxiliary. To these we suggest: Get the children together by inviting them to meet you, and tell them the purpose of the meeting; then read to them some thrilling narrative of the war-time, which will excite their interest and curiosity to know more. The older girls might take part in this reading. A discreet leader will keep them interested from month to month, and constantly arouse their pride and enthusiasm as the noble deeds and patient sufferings of the Southern patriots are recounted to them. The old veterans who still remain with us will draw their compassion and a desire to help and cheer them.

AMONG OUR N. C. ORGANIZATIONS the "Washington Grays" were the first to organize, in 1897; named in honor of the company of that name which went from Washington, N. C., early in 1861. They continue their zealous labors and their love for their noble leader, Mrs. Margaret Call, who still, though advanced in age, is using her talents and strength for the beloved Cause, and sets before us an example of zeal and constancy. For the instruction of the auxiliaries at intervals of their work for the veterans, etc., I recommend reading such books as will give them correct ideas of the South, the War, and incidents connected therewith—such as the "Memorial of President Davis," by Dr. J. Wm. Jones, of Richmond, Va.; "The Lives of General R. E. Lee and Other Gallant Confederates." A little volume called "Who Burned Columbia?" by Col. James G. Gibbes, of South Carolina, is a most thrilling story by an eyewitness of those scenes of horror. For general information about the conditions in the country and the events which led up to the War Between the States, there is nothing better than "The Case of the South Against the North," by B. F. Grady, of North Carolina. Mr. Grady spent several years of study at the National Capital to get the facts as recorded by undoubted authority. So he is well fitted to instruct us. Another little book I recommend is "The Trial and Trials of Jefferson Davis," by Charles Blackford, of Virginia, which is very interesting.

MRS. I. W. FAISON, State President of North Carolina, has been appointed Director for this State for the Arlington Monument Fund and will receive contributions for that purpose.

Next month I hope to give some more general notes of North Carolina chapters.

HELEN DEB. MILLS.

THE MARCH NUMBER of the *Woman's Home Companion* again captures public notice with its charming cover picture of a Japanese girl—one of the daintiest magazine covers that has appeared in years. This issue is the Spring Fashion Number, and for it Grace Margaret Gould, the fashion editor, has prepared many delightful pages, illustrating in detail the advance spring styles.

## PIANO MUSIC

HAROLD BAUER'S piano recital, the third concert of the Charlton-Smith subscription concerts, was given in Charleston, S. C., on February 7, 1908. This pianist assumes no poses, but presents piano music of the highest order in so sympathetic and intellectual a manner that he never fails of success, and in Charleston the large and attentive audience which greeted him there was a tribute to the real artistic merit of the man. His playing of the MacDowell Sonata Eroica, op. 50, was marked by tenderness, suavity and color, while the Schuman Fantasiestucke, op. 12, brought forth all the resources of the piano in brilliancy, dash, decision and impressive repose. The Chopin, Schubert and Saint Saens numbers on the program were equally well presented. Mr. Bauer displays eloquence and poetic feeling, expressed with such a personal note, that piano playing becomes a delight to even the person of average musical understanding; while his wonderful phrasing and ability to bring out the clear rhythm stamp him as an artist of rare talent and distinctive personality.

The fourth and last concert of the eminently successful and thoroughly artistic series of concerts will take place on March 7th, when Mme. Gadschi, the Wagnerian soprano, whose fame is international, will appear in a concert recital. Music lovers in South Carolina, not only in Charleston but from the adjacent towns, will doubtless seize this opportunity to hear this great singer. For further details in regard to the Gadschi Concert, address G. Hoyt Smith, P. O. Box 385, Charleston, S. C.

"*Pictures and Their Painters*," by Lorinda Munson Bryant, is a very valuable handbook for the student of art and for the general reader of culture. The author, in her work as a practical art teacher and in her study of original paintings in the galleries of Europe, and through her special study of art history, has had unusual opportunities for the preparation of such a book, and realizing the need of a book on painting in general has given to the public a most interesting volume. The book is more popular than technical, the illustrations are most appropriate reproductions, the descriptions in detail are most comprehensive and the artists are treated most suggestively. The book has 440 pages, 317 illustrations, and treats of the various schools of painting from the earliest beginnings down to the present day. This volume is especially recommended to the clubwomen of culture and to all tourists planning a visit to the celebrated galleries of Europe.

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"*The Great Secret*," by E. Phillips Oppenheim, the latest word by this wonderfully prolific writer, deals with a stupendous international conspiracy, and shows Mr. Oppenheim's great talent in the construction of a plot. The book is full of incident and adventure and is one of the most absorbing stories of the day. The characters are real individuals, each playing his part. Dramatic situations aglow with feeling and emotion are presented in every chapter, and the story is worked out to a remarkable climax. The numerous illustrations are by C. D. Williams.

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